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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other prior and pending appeals, interferences or judiciary proceedings which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 41 to 45 stand allowed and Claims 1, 3, 5 to 7, 10, 12 to 22, 36 to 40 and 46 to 48 stand rejected and are on appeal, all other claims being cancelled.

STATUS OF THE AMENDMENTS

No amendment was filed subsequent to the final rejection of December 20, 2007 although a pre-appeal brief request for review was filed on March 24, 2008 which was decided on April 24, 2008 to proceed to the Board of Appeals and Interferences without change.